

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 5625

As Reported By Senate Committee On:
Human Services & Corrections, February 16, 2007

Title: An act relating to contracts for jail services with counties and cities in adjacent states.

Brief Description: Authorizing counties and cities to contract for jail services with counties and cities in adjacent states.

Sponsors: Senators Hargrove and Pridemore.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Human Services & Corrections: 2/09/07, 2/16/07 [DPS].

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES & CORRECTIONS

Majority Report: That Substitute Senate Bill No. 5625 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass.

Signed by Senators Hargrove, Chair; Regala, Vice Chair; Stevens, Ranking Minority Member; Brandland, Carrell and McAuliffe.

Staff: Kiki Keizer (786-7430)

Background: State law establishes the requirements for contracting between cities and counties for jail services.

Summary of Bill: Cities or counties are permitted to contract with the authorities of adjacent cities or counties across state borders for jail services, in order to send prisoners convicted in the courts of this state to complete their terms of confinement in the jails of the adjacent cities or counties.

EFFECT OF CHANGES MADE BY RECOMMENDED SUBSTITUTE AS PASSED COMMITTEE (Human Services & Corrections): The substitute simplifies amendatory language.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

Committee/Commission/Task Force Created: No.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

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Staff Summary of Public Testimony: PRO: The bill would solve jail overcrowding issues in Clark County because it makes it explicit in the law that a county or city in Washington can enter into an agreement with a neighboring county or city in another state to provide jail services.

CON: Seattle and other cities have had problems in the past when they have shipped prisoners to Yakima. There may be issues with transportation, release, reentry, access to treatment in custody, or where to file for certain remedies available under state law.

Persons Testifying: PRO: Mike Burgess, Clark County.

CON: Kimberly Gordon, Washington Defender Association and Washington Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers.